

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 24, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 223 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly A. Evans, Senate Chair
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway, House Chair
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Sen. Paula Julander
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Cindy Beshear
Rep. Carl Duckworth
Rep. Brent Goodfellow
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Carl R. Saunders
Rep. Peggy Wallace
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Absent:

President Al Mansell
Sen. Steve Poulton
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Speaker Martin R. Stephens

Staff Present:

Ms. Jami Momberger, Research Analyst
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Markham, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the Committee secretary, Jennifer Markham at 538-1032..

1. Call to Order

Chair Siddoway called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2002 with a correction made to item 3, to delete "moved to" in Rep. Litvack's motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Evans absent for the vote.

2. 2002 General Session Review

Ms. Jami Momberger provided a review of S.B. 23, Workforce Services Amendments (2002 General Session), and H.B. 36, Child Care Amendments (2002 General Session).

Mr. Jim Wilson provided a review of H.B. 34, Tourism Amendments (2002 General Session).

3. New Directors Introduction

Mr. David Harmer, Executive Director, Department of Community & Economic Development, introduced himself to the committee and provided a summary of his background.

Ms. Raylene Ireland, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services, introduced herself to the committee and provided a summary of her previous experience.

Ms. Sarah Brenna, Legislative Liaison, Department of Workforce Services, informed the committee of

the department's availability to provide assistance on Master Study Resolution item 172, Unemployment Insurance Exemption; item 186, Unemployment Insurance; and item 185, Regional Workforce Services Councils. She emphasized that the Child Care Advisory Committee is interested in pursuing the Child Care Amendments legislation for the 2003 General Session. She stated that any changes in the TANF reauthorization would be presented to the committee.

4. Update on Tourism - After the Olympics

Mr. Dean Reeder, Director of Travel Development, Utah Travel Council, highlighted the success of the Olympics and distributed a handout "Workforce Services & Economic Development Interim Committee." He also showed the Travel Council's television ads.

5. Review of Potential Study Plan for the 2002 Interim Period

Chair Siddoway turned the meeting over to Sen. Evans.

Ms. Momberger distributed the form "Survey of Potential Study Items" and requested the committee members return the survey before leaving the meeting.

Ms. Micki Adams, Chair, Central Region Council, Workforce Services, Central Region of Salt Lake and Tooele Counties, emphasized the Council's willingness to participate in a study of item 185, Regional Workforce Services Council.

Mr. David Winder, former Executive Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, stated that technology industries have been identified as key to economic growth in the state. He indicated that item 174, Use of RDA Fund, is a city/county issue. Mr. Winder emphasized the willingness of the department to provide assistance in the study of Item 183, Encouraging Increased Tourism.

Ms. Karen Silver, Advocate, Salt Lake Community Action Program, stated the Child Care Development Block Grant and Food Stamps are also up for reauthorization this year and the Workforce Investment Act next year.

Mr. John Homer, Department of Community and Economic Development, requested the committee consider studying the creation of a contingent liability pool, modifying the industrial assistance fund statute, and reviewing the tax law impediments for investors coming into the state.

Chair Evans added the TANF reauthorization, Child Care Amendments, contingent liability retention pool, industrial assistance fund, and tax law impediments for out-of-state investors to the potential study plan list. She reminded the committee members to return their surveys, with these additions, to staff before leaving the meeting.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Saunders moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.